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SUBJECT: FRG- GDR SPORTS TALKS STALLED ON ISSUE OF BERLIN'S
INCLUSION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH GDR ALLOWED BERLIN SENATOR
FOR JUSTICE KORBER TO PARTICIPATE IN TALKS BETWEEN TWO
GERMAN SPORTS CONFEDERATIONS IN DRESDEN MARCH 13-14 IN
HIS CAPACITY AS MEMBER OF FRG ORGANIZATION'S COMMITTEE
ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MEETING BOGGED DOWN WHEN
GDR INSISTED THAT FRG ORGANIZATION COULD NOT SPEAK FOR
WEST BERLIN. END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST ROUND OF TALKS BETWEEN FRG SPORTS CONFEDER-
ATION (DSB) AND GDR GYMNASTICS AND SPORT CONFEDERATION
(DTSB) MARCH 13-14 BROKE OFF AFTER TWO DAYS OF INCON-
CLUSIVE DISCUSSIONS, WHEN CONFEREES WERE UNABLE TO AGREE
ON BERLIN'S INCLUSION IN ANY AGREEMENT. CHAIRMAN OF
FRG OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, DAUME, WHO PARTICIPATED IN TALKS,
SAID HE COULD SEE " NO SIGN OF SPIRIT OF BASIC TREATY
IN DRESDEN". BERLIN SENAT HAD REGARDED PARTICIPATION IN TALKS
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OF SENATOR FOR JUSTICE KORBER, IN HIS CAPACITY AS MEMBER OF DSB COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AS SIGN OF GDR FLEXIBILITY BUT THIS DID NOT TURN OUT TO BE CASE.

3. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, DTSB PRESIDENT, EVALD, TOLD DSB REPS THAT DSB COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED AS NEGOTIATING PARTNER FOR ARRANGEMENTS ON GDR SPORTS ACTIVITIES WITH WEST BERLIN AND SUCH ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY BETWEEN DTSB AND WEST BERLIN. EVALD REPORTEDLY SAID PRECEDENT HAD BEEN SET BY SEPARATE POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS HELD BETWEEN SENAT AND GDR. EVALD ADDED THAT GDR ATHLETES WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN COMPETITIONS WITH FRG ATHLETES IN WEST BERLIN, BUT GDR ATHLETES WOULD NOT OBJECT IF WEST BERLINERS TOOK PART IN FRG- GDR SPORTS EVENTS IN FRG. WHEN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS WERE ORGANIZED IN WEST BERLIN, GDR WOULD DETERMINE PARTICIPATION ON CASE- BY- CASE BASIS. DTSB PROPOSED THAT WEST GERMANS, BUT NOT WEST BERLINERS, TAKE PART IN ANNUAL KIEL REGATTA (FRG) AND BALTIC SEA WEEK (GDR).

4. BERLIN CDU CHAIRMAN LORENZ ISSUED STATEMENT MARCH 14 THAT GDR, BY ITS HANDLING OF TALKS, HAD SHOWN AGAIN HOW IT INTENDED TO GET AROUND BASIC TREATY' S PROVISIONS. HE DEMANDED THAT FRG CLARIFY GDR INTENTIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF BASIC TREATY BEFORE COMPLETING RATIFICATION PROCESS. FDP CHAIRMAN LUEDER TOLD PRESS THAT GDR WOULD HAVE TO ABIDE BY QA PROVISIONS FOR RESPECTING BERLIN' S TIES WITH FRG. HE URGED DSB NOT TO GIVE GROUND ON WEST BERLIN' S INCLUSION IN ANY SPORTS ARRANGEMENT WITH GDR.

5. CHIEF EDITOR BOELKE OF " TAGESPIEGEL" COMMENTED MARCH 15 THAT GDR POSITION WAS OBVIOUSLY BASED ON IMPRECISE LANGUAGE IN PROTOCOL TO BASIC TREATY WHEREBY EXTENSION OF INNER- GERMAN AGREEMENTS " CAN BE AGREED ON A CASY- BY- CASE BASIS." BOELKE CONCLUDED THAT RECOGNIZED TIES BETWEEN BERLIN AND FRG COULD ONLY BE PRESERVED BY JOINT SENAT AND FRG ACTION, AS SUGGESTED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH IN SFB INTERVIEW BROADCAST HERE MARCH 13.

6. MARCH 15 " NEUES DEUTSCHLAND" CARRIED BRIEF, BLAND ANNOUNCEMENT OF TALKS WHICH PAPERED OVER EXTENT OF DISAGREEMENT CONCERNING INCLUSION OF WEST BERLIN.
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NO DETAILS GIVEN, BUT EWALD QUOTED AS SAYING THAT GDR SPORTS ACTIVITIES WITH WEST BERLIN MUST BE REGULATED BY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN DTSB AND LEADER-

SHIP OF WEST BERLIN SPORTS ORGANIZATION, ADDING THAT
" EXISTING INTERNATIONAL DECISIONS WILL BE RESPECTED."
ARTICLE CLOSED WITH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT DISCUSSIONS TO
CONTINUE MAY 10 IN FRANKFURT/ MAIN.

7. COMMENT: KORBER' S INCLUSION IN DSB NEGOTIATING TEAM
IS SIGN THAT DSB AND SENAT INTEND TO CONSIDER SPORTS
TALKS WITH GDR TEST CASE OF LATTER' S WILLINGNESS TO
INCLUDE BERLIN IN PRACTIC
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